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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Rename detoured

A proposal to rename Collinsville Avenue for the late Wayne Lanter Sr. hit a snag after the two black members of the Madison City Council objected.

Alderman Ted Ostrenga had made a motion to rename the street, but Alderman Norris Horton and Roselle Williams, another protester, said Lanter "had not been sensitive" to the needs of the city's black residents.

Lanter, a Belleville businessman who started as a milkman and built his company into one of a half-dozen "national players" in the specialty wastewater and distribution business, died Feb. 23, 1998.

"I think it's going to cause a lot of hard feelings," Horton said.

Carrier deal surprises museum

An agreement between the federal government and a St. Louis-based company over ownership of the Air Forces Museum of St. Louis has come as a surprise to museum officials.

On Tuesday, U.S. Attorney W. Clark Polley announced in a press release that his office and Systems and Electronics Inc., St. Louis, had agreed that the company would relinquish possession of a prototype M13 Armored Recovery Vehicle to the U.S. Department of Defense.

The vehicle had been on loan to the museum and was parked at the Charles Mervin Price Science Center in Granite City. "As far as I know, it's still at the Price Center," said Retired Civil Air Patrol Capt. Edward Venable, director of the museum. "We're in the dark."

Court order halts store's sale

A Granite City furniture store is trying to hold a going-out-of-business sale, but an area bank has other ideas.

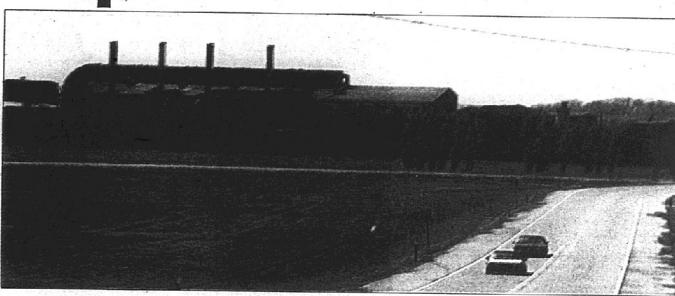
Granite City Home Furnishings was holding the sale Monday when Sheriff's deputies and Granite City police rolled up, armed with repossession orders from the bank. The sheriff's officers ordered a halt to the sale and seized assets from the store.

Court records in the Madison County Circuit Court office show that Mercantile Bank has filed suit to recover nearly \$70,000 on a loan. The store opened at 1842 State St. on Dec. 10, 1995.

Signal red-lighted

A majority of aldermen at Tuesday's night Granite City Council meeting did not give the green light for the construction of a fully signalized intersection to be built at Fenning Road and Yale Drive.

A recent IDOT ruling has triggered a council debate whether or not to have the signalized intersection built.



Scott Cousins photo

Officials with Chemetco Inc., located at the intersection of Illinois Route 3 and Poag Road, were recently indicted for violations of the U.S. Clean Water Act.

Greathouse dead at 78

MESD head had attracted controversy

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Walter "Shaver" Greathouse, who ran the Metro East Sanitary District for almost two decades, died Thursday at Colonades Nursing Home in Granite City. Greathouse, 78, died at 1:30 a.m. No cause of death was listed, but he had been in poor health for some time. Greathouse served as execu-

tive director of the MESD 1984 until heart surgery forced him to retire early last year.

Mac Warfield, who took over as Greathouse's MESD, said Greathouse was a "good little guy" who would be missed.

He did a lot for the levy district, Warfield said. "He was a hard-working little guy. He had his heart and soul involved in his work down

the road."

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Denham cleans house at first meeting

New mayor names chief, attorney

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

In addition to a new mayor, clerk and three trustees, the village of Pontoon Beach also has a new police chief and attorney.

There were no surprises at a special meeting of the Village Board Thursday night.

New Mayor Jim Denham appointed Sgt. Gary Wallace as police chief, replacing Michael Crouch, who will revert to his old rank of captain.

Denham also replaced

Village Attorney Brian Polinske with Eric Evans and abolished several positions held by supporters of ousted mayor Glyn Wilson, who did not attend Thursday's meeting.

Outgoing Village Clerk Mary Evans' successor, new clerk Susan Dugger, who then swore in Denham and Trustees Lowell Travis, Mike Pagano and Lee Ridgeway.

Denham also appointed long-trusted Randy Presswood, who came in second in the mayoral race, and Gus Falter and Irene Karlechik, who did

well in the election.

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New vision procedure helps correct moderate nearsightednessBy Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Two years ago, Joanne Evans was constantly wrangling with her glasses. Evans' job as a paramedic

with the Mehlin (Mo.) Fire Protection District keeps her on the move. Unfortunately for her, her glasses were, too.

"They were always sliding off my nose," Evans recalled. "Rain, snow — that all can mess up the lenses. It can be really problematic."

All that changed in April

Immunization plan opposed

Bill would allow parents to opt out of state's mandatory program

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

Ray Romine urged fellow Madison County Board members Wednesday to oppose a bill that would allow parents to opt out of the state's mandatory immunization program.

The measure is being considered by the Illinois

Senate. Romine, D-Granite City, encouraged County Board members to ask legislators to kill the bill.

"Call them before April 29," Romine said. "The bill is due to come out of committee by then."

Dr. Tom Fogley, superintendent of schools in Collinsville, said he also is opposed to this type of bill.

"Let me respond as a citizen and as a parent," Fogley said.

"I would be opposed to that bill. There are

already exceptions for religious and medical reasons, and that's all that's needed."

Fogley said more was at stake than just individual rights. "There were serious health implications to consider."

"Immunization is not just protection for the individual, but it protects a society from the disease. If you're not getting immunized, then there will likely be a recurrence of those diseases," he said.

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New Pontoon Beach Mayor Jim Denham, left, talks to Trustee Bob Vincent after Thursday's special meeting.

Scott Cousins photo

1997 when Evans became part of a clinical trial for a new procedure to correct nearsightedness called Intacs. It uses tiny, clear "ring segments" that reshape the cornea.

Keravision's Intacs gained FDA approval earlier this month after an investment of

more than 13 years and nearly \$100 million. The procedure is available at a handful of medical centers across the United States, including Eyes of Illinois, a private center in Maryville and the Novamed Eye Surgery Center in north St. Louis County.

Dr. Steven Verity, a board-

certified ophthalmologist and an assistant professor of ophthalmology at Saint Louis University, began his trials at SLU in 1993. Verity is one of 10 surgeons, only four of which are in the United States and the only one in the St. Louis area.

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Police Blotter

Granite City Police

POSSESSION OF A STOLEN VEHICLE: Trevor Williams, 25, of 1516 Second Madison, was charged Monday morning with loitering and eluding police, resisting a police officer and possession of a stolen vehicle.

An officer equipped with a radio gun pulled over a maroon vehicle occupied by Williams speeding in the northbound lane near the North Street overpass about 3 a.m. An Agency of Granite City police report, the vehicle was clocked at approximately 80 miles per hour.

The officer pursued the vehicle with emergency lights, a chase ensued along Illinois 3. While turning right on the westbound ramp leading toward 1-270, the vehicle driven by Williams flipped over twice before landing in a grassy area of the highway.

Emergency personnel responding to the scene pulled two passengers from the vehicle. They were shaken, but not seriously injured. Both were transported to St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Williams, bleeding from the head, was able to run away from the vehicle, but was arrested. He was eventually handcuffed, taken to the medical center and later released into police custody.

An investigation revealed that the vehicle was stolen from a car dealership in St. Louis.

WARRANT: Jessica Meyers, 20, of 3707 Kirkpatrick Homes, Granite City, was arrested Thursday evening on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for unlawful possession of cannabis.

POSSESSION OF CANNIBAS: Carl Williams, 20, was charged Thursday for unlawful possession of cannabis.

According to a Granite City police report, Bouquet was driving his minivan pulled over about 9:30. While questioning the driver about reckless driving, the responding officer allegedly noticed Bouquet moving things about in the back seat.

While she was searched, a glass pipe was allegedly found in her bib pocket. She and the driver were taken into custody.

The driver was arrested for driving with a revoked license.

FAILURE TO APPEAR: Mark Trexler, 35, of 4941 Hillside, was arrested Friday morning on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for driving with a suspended license. Trexler was taken into custody about 11:30 a.m.

Madison County Sheriff's Office:

WARRANT ARREST: Lisa D. Ferraris, 32, of the 500 block of Thorngate in Granite City, was taken into custody by the Madison County Sheriff's Department Saturday for failure to appear on a retail theft charge from the Granite City Police Department after a traffic stop at 6:38 a.m. April 10 at Jefferson and Klien Street in Venice.

Ferrari allegedly was traveling 48 mph in a 35 mph zone.

DUI: Darlene Brown, 33, of the 100 block of St. Charles, Granite City, St. Louis, was charged with driving under the influence, failure to signal when turning, and operating an unlicensed motor vehicle after a traffic stop at 6:38 a.m. April 10 at Jefferson and Klien Street in Venice.

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Health care industry faces challenges, Eilerman says

SEMC president speaks at Rotary Club breakfast

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

While "tremendous" improvements in health care at St. Elizabeth Medical Center have been made in the past 30 years, the hospital — along with the entire health care industry — "significantly" face challenges in the future.

SEMC President and CEO Ted Eilerman was the speaker at this month's Granite City Rotary Club prayer breakfast, held Wednesday at the hospital.

He said higher costs, lack of insurance and second-guessing by insurance companies and health maintenance organizations are some of the major problems.

"We have the world's best health care, but we can't afford to pay for it," he said. "We have the best care in the world; the problem is we can't deliver."

"It's sad to say that in our country we have 43 million people who are uninsured. We are the last major industrialized country that does not provide health care to its citizens."

He added that SEMC, which serves a large number of poor people, is seeing a growing number of uninsured people.

He said a solution to the problem is whether health care is a "right" or something that the free market should provide.

"If it's a right, we are not going to pay for it," he said. "It's not doing its job."

He said while costs are increasing, the federal

government is not increasing payments, meaning that some programs will eventually have to be dropped.

He specifically mentioned home health care and hospice programs as likely targets of budget cuts sometime in the future.

He also said that hospitals have a "poor" image.

"The public perception throughout the country is that we are inefficient," he said. "Somehow, we have to convince the American public that we are doing a good job and that they get value for their money."

He said cost-cutting is also affecting doctors, who have to ask permission from HMO's before running tests and "are being denied to you that an insurance company has denied their request."

Eilerman also said the cost of prescription drugs is increasing rapidly where some people have to decide between their medications or food.

In one case, Eilerman said a man was told his medications would cost about \$300 per month.

"He had to make a decision to take these \$300 worth of medications or go without the table," Eilerman said.

The man walked out without the medicine, which will eventually mean more cost to the hospital when the man comes back to the emergency room.

"He's going to show up in the emergency room in a crisis situation and we'll treat him," he said.

About one-third of all emergency room visits are from people not taking their

medication, he said.



Ted Eilerman

Despite all the problems in health care, Eilerman said SEMC is providing good service and has made improving quality a priority.

"Quality is the number one issue," he said. "We are doing quality every day and we monitor every case."

He said one noticeable change is the cleanliness of the hospital.

In the early 1970s, he said they had about 25. That has increased to more than 150 at this time.

"Tremendous resources have been brought in by the community," he said.

"Recruiting physicians is the most significant thing we've done."

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GCHS student driver crashes; none hurt

A car driven by a 16-year-old Granite City High School student crashed into a car parked at a stop sign on Maryville Road and Illinois 150 in Monroe.

The accident created a chain reaction in which two other cars were struck.

The 1996 Ford Taurus was driven by Jamie Cassidy, who was taking part in GCHS' driver's education

program. No one was seriously injured in the incident.

Al Lewis Jr., 55, was the driving instructor with Community Education.

He has been part of the school's driver's education program at various times for past 35 years.

The cause of the incident is still being investigated.

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Madison block grant public hearing scheduled for May 4

Money may allow warning system upgrade

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A public hearing on Madison County Community Development block grant proposals for the city of Madison will be held at 6 p.m.

MADISON
May 4 at City Hall.
The city is applying for \$125,000 in grants, possibly to update its storm warning system.

Madison Mayor John Hamm said the city is working in conjunction with Granite City and Venice to improve the storm warning system. Hamm also said that the city would be seeking additional grants to pay the \$12,500 matching

The city of Madison is working to improve the storm warning system.

cost of the Community Development Grant. The council also approved a new process for accepting applications, initiated by the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners. The new process will include having potential candidates come to an orientation session, where they will receive their application.

In the past, people were given applications initially, but most did not submit them. The city is preparing to accept applications for its new police department eligibility list.

The city is also stepping up recruitment efforts for minority and women candidates, including publishing in additional newspapers and sending fliers to local churches.

In other business, the council approved allowing the Venice-Madison American Legion to hold Post Day at Union Planters Bank and the Garden Shop. The council also approved allowing the 12th Street Raceway Saloon to have a roadblock for multiple days at the intersection of 12th and Madison May 8.

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Harriet Grazman, a licensed clinical social worker, is director. Grazman, who counsels students at GCHS, designed and implemented the program in 1986, when she was an educator.

Grazman said that a wide variety of teenagers are referred to the therapists.

They are, she said, of all ages and experience anything from depression to grief or suffer the effects of some type of physical abuse at home. If their needs are more extensive than what can be provided, Grazman said, they are referred to a hospital or to their primary physician.

"Our goal is to enhance their emotional well-being and coping skills," Grazman said.

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Greathouse dead at 78

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here.
"A lot of people really liked Shang; he knew how to get along with people. He was a happy-go-lucky guy. He is going to be missed."

Greathouse was first appointed to the MESD Board of Directors in 1977 and became president in 1980.

During his tenure, Greathouse was no stranger to controversy. The MESD is responsible for controlling stormwater over a large portion of the American Bottom area and was considered one of the last great strongholds of political patronage in the Metro area.

Greathouse was also cited for his handling of flooding in East St. Louis.

He always defended the district, saying that it was originally designed when the area it served was agricultural and it simply did not have enough money or equipment to provide the necessary services.

He remained controversial



Shang Greathouse

after retiring from MESD. While a resident of the nursing home, he was being paid as a consultant to the district, even though a doctor said he was too ill to testify in court. The payments were stopped after they became public knowledge.

In addition to his work with the sanitary district, Greathouse worked in area warehouses, liquor companies and real estate offices. He was named Realtor of the Year in 1977.

He was survived by his wife, Mildred Greathouse; three sons, Walter D. Greathouse Jr. of Granite City, Brian Greathouse of Collinsville and Scott Greathouse of Edwardsville; and three grandchildren.

Greathouse was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, DAV, Veterans of the Battle of Midway and St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Funeral services were held Saturday at St. Elizabeth Church.

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Laser Pointers

What you need to know about laser pointer safety

by Mark A. Yates, OD

Illinois Eye Specialists

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Obituaries

William Elliott

WILLIAM L. ELLIOTT, 77, died Sunday, April 18, 1999, at Granite City. Mr. Elliott was born Sept. 15, 1921, in Stewart County, Tenn. He was a retired factory worker and a World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Clarence (Burkhardt) Elliott; two sons, Donald Roger Elliott, both of Granite City, and James Elliott of Edwardsville; two brothers, Larry and Jim Smith of Granite City; and Dean Elliott of Dover, Tenn.; one sister, Marlie Wallace of Beaufort Mills, Tenn.; and 11 grandchildren.

Services were held at Angelin Funeral Home in Dover, Tenn., with military honors officiating.

Walter Greathouse

WALTER D. GREATHOUSE, 78, of Granite City, died Thursday, April 22, 1999, at Colonades Nursing Home in Granite City.

Mr. Greathouse was born Dec. 15, 1920, in Granite City. He was retired as supervisor of the Missouri East Sanitary District and previously worked at several area warehouse liquid companies and as a Real Estate agent with the Tri-City Elks Lodge 1063, Tri-City American Legion Post 113, VFW Post 100, American Legion, veterans of the Battle of Bull Run, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and was Tri-City Realtor of the Year in 1977. Mr. Greathouse was a U.S. Army staff sergeant and served during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred (Hagan) Greathouse; three sons, Walter Greathouse Jr. of Granite City, Brian Greathouse of Collinsville and Scott Greathouse of Edwardsville; and three grandchildren, Walter Greathouse III, Michael Greathouse and Jennifer Greathouse.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Edith (Leibolt) Greathouse; and one daughter, Carol Greathouse.

Services were held Saturday, April 24, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City, with Rev. Thomas Liebler officiating.

Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estate in Glen Carbon.

Memorial services were made to St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Building Fund or Hospice of Madison County, or in the form of Masses. Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Harrison Hooker

HARRISON "GENE" HOOKER, 65, of Pontoon Beach, died Wednesday, April 21, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Hooker was born Sept. 4, 1933. He retired as a forklift operator at Tomboy's, a member of Teamsters Local 338 and AARP and of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his sons, David Patrick Hooker, both of Granite City, and James Hooker of Edwardsville; four daughters, Kathleen Korte of Godfrey, Mary Beth Evans and Linda Curless of Granite City, and Linda Curless of Edwardsville; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan (Otec) Hooker; his sons, Benjamin and Meg (Lord) Hooker; and son, Robert Hooker; and one sister, Betty.

Services were held Saturday, April 24, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Francis officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Oral Noel

ORAL MAE NOEL, 84, of Granite City, died Thursday, April 22, 1999, at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville.

Mrs. Noel was born Aug. 9, 1914, in Cadiz, Ky. She was a homemaker and a member of West 22nd Street Baptist Church and Women's Missionary Association.

Survivors include a daughter, Jeanne Coalley of Granite City; one son, David Noel Sr. of Granite City; one sister, Hodgetlene Gray of Cadiz, Ky.; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rudolph Noel; parents, Ira and Iva (Bauer) Noel; one brother, Layton Stallions; one granddaughter, Jamie Kendall; two sisters, Adeline and Sylvia Dell Kendall; one foster son, Kendall; and one sister, Lucille Noel.

Services were held Saturday, April 24, at West 22nd Street Baptist Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Les Atkins officiating. Burial

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Services were held Saturday, April 24, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Alvin S. Albin officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorial services may be made to West 22nd Street Baptist Church Building Fund or the family.

Vergie Spalding

VERGIE (HENNESSY) SPALDING, 95, of Granite City, died Thursday, April 22, 1999, at Creve Coeur Medical Center in Creve Coeur, Mo.

Mrs. Spalding was born Feb. 5, 1904, in Brazil, Mo. She had been a registered nurse and a registered nurse in the U.S. Army.

She was a charter member of Nameoki United Methodist Church and served many years as a chairman in the Ladies Aid Circle, was a Sunday School Teacher, a member of the official board and a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church. More recently, she has been a member of Granite City Foursquare Church and a member of the New Clothing Center, Church of the Open Door, The Salvation Army, and the Senior Center and was also past president of Circle of Friends Garden Club and a member of the Etude Music Club.

Survivors include her son, Dr.

Donald Spalding Jr. of Creve Coeur, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to West 22nd Street Baptist Church.

The Granberry Mortuary handled the arrangements.

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Gregory Sarich

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Mr. Sarich was born Dec. 27, 1955, in Granite City. He was a steel specialist in the main plant at Granite City Steel for 24 years and was a member of West 22nd Street Baptist Church in United States of America Local 68, Boy Scouts of America and a Cubmaster, was a member of the Granite City Little League baseball coach in the Granite City Park District. Mr. Sarich was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley (Smith) Sarich, whom he married Aug. 30, 1975; one son, Gregory Sarich; one daughter, Kristina Sarich, of Edwardsville; and Jeffrey Sarich of Austin, Texas; and two sisters, Linda and Vickie Sarich of Manchester, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Betty (Laudermill) Sarich; and one son, Thomas Sarich.

Services were held Saturday, April 24, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Alvin S. Albin officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

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Services were held Saturday, April 24, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fishkeller officiating.

Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church.

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Services will be held Tuesday, April 27, 1999, at 1 p.m. at the Rev. Eddie Linhart officiating. Private family services will be held at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Granite City Foursquare Church, 2633 Granite City, Illinois.

Lillian Wiesehan

LILLIAN C. (SUCHEK) WIESEHAN, 93, of Granite City, formerly of Venice, died Thursday, April 22, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Wiesehan was born March 19, 1906, in St. Louis.

She was a homemaker and was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Survivors include her sons, Harold Wiesehan of Granite City, Donald Wiesehan of Florissant, Mo., and David Wiesehan of Granite City; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Wiesehan; her daughter, Johnna; her son, Vicki Euper; one son, Edward Wiesehan; three brothers; four sisters; one grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

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Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church.

Thomas Memorial Mortuary handled the arrangements.

CROP Walk '99 scheduled today

Residents will be putting up money and laying down tracks at a CROP walk this weekend.

The annual CROP walk is set for 1:30 p.m. today, beginning at the Religious Center on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Proceeds from the walk, which is organized by 15 churches in the Edwardsville-Glen Carbon area, go to Church World Service in Glen Ellyn.

The CROP walk will follow a route throughout and around campus. People who wish to make donations but have not been contacted by a CROP Walk participant may call the Rev. Denise Smalley at 650-3248.

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A young mother had just fed her baby son the last bit of food for the day.

There was nothing left, the cabinets were bare and the refrigerator was empty. After they finished eating, the gentle mother held her hands over her son's hands and said, "Lord, there is no more food. It is up to you in my mercy and love to care for us."

With great faith this dear mother knelt down and said her prayer. She put the baby in his playpen and started cleaning the windows.

Thirty minutes later the doorbell rang. There stood a sweet smiling face she had never seen before. The lady said, "I'm newly attending your church and they told me you lived out my way. I thought we could have some fellowship." The young mother

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happily invited the lady in and they began to talk of the love of Jesus.

After they visited for a while the lady asked for a glass of water. Then, baby started fussing and the lady said, "Take care of the baby, I'll get the water."

The young mother told the lady their was cold water in the refrigerator, forgetting that she had nothing else. She heard the cabinet doors opening and shutting and called out, "The glasses are at the right hand side of the sink."

A few minutes passed and the lady said she had to go and pick up her four daughters from school but said she would return with them because she wanted the young mother to meet her children.

An hour later, the doorbell rang again and upon opening the door there was the sweet lady with her four daughters, each carrying a bag of groceries, five full bags of food. The sweet lady looked at her and said, "I hope you don't mind; I saw the cabinets were bare."

Through teary eyes filled with joy, the young mother hugged her and her girls and said, "Thank you, Lord." That family was eating again to eat, but in three hours it had everything — all from someone they had never seen before. This is a true story.

God will supply all your needs. His promises never fail. Believe in the pure Word of God. He's always on time. The Bible says, "He will never leave us or forsake us." So trust in God, that gives love and life to please Him.

When you have gone as far as you can go, that's when God steps in and performs miracles. Do not worry, fret not, God meets every desperate need. There is no fear in love. If you live long enough in the light of God's perfect love you will not be afraid.

Saturate yourself in His word. Shut all the unbelievers out. You just don't have time for their negativity. This is your life. It is valuable and can be glorious. Open yourself up to the truth, the way and the life, and drink it like a desert wanderer takes to water.

Like a flashlight in a dark room, shine God's light upon your heart. Take time to talk with Him often and with prayer and thanksgiving make your requests known to Him and then trust, trust, trust. He is a miracle-working God.

Fear not and believe only. Be shut in with the safety of God, who has thousands of angels to do His bidding, to put ideas in your head and

thoughts of kind deeds to do for others.

God will give you the power to do His work. His perfect love will cast out all evil. He is the only one who can do that. As He has all down through history for so many.

Just take His promise, keep it close to your heart and believe it. Hold onto God's unchanging hand. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the Suburban Journals. You may write to her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Dead Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo., 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

Bridal Show helps plan perfect wedding

Information on planning the perfect wedding will be at your fingertips at the Creative Elegance Bridal Show, sponsored by the Suburban Journals.

The show is from noon to 6 p.m. today at the St. Louis Airport Marriott, off Interstate 70 near Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. The event is free for the bride-to-be. The cost is \$3 per person for those who accompany her.

The Creative Elegance Bridal Show is a unique opportunity for the bride, groom and family to gather a great deal of

information in an exciting new format," said Erika Francis, project coordinator for Gateway Sports Promotion Group.

Each bride-to-be who attends the show will receive a free bridal planner. The names of every bride and groom will be entered into a drawing for prizes that will be given away throughout the duration of each of the show's vendors.

The big prize is a four-day, five-night Caribbean honeymoon from American Express.

Two photography studios — Trotter Photo and M.J. Photography — will offer a

free engagement photo with a paid admission.

The event also will feature: two wedding fashion shows with models from the Barbizon School; a seminar on selecting rings; a seminar on Sæteel Jewelry; a workshop on honeymoon success by Majestic Travel; a seminar with a bridal consultant; and many other exhibits from wedding-related vendors, including caterers, photographers, travel agents, and fashion and decorating experts.

Former Cardinals player Greg Matthews will be the host of the groom room.

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Clinical Research Associates of Edwardsville needs volunteers ages 18 and over with depression to participate in research studies comparing investigational drugs with available antidepressant medication and placebo. If you or someone you know has depression and would like to be considered for a study please give us a call. Symptoms include:

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Movie schedules

Film timetable for Sunday, April 25. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE

I-70 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill.
344-1708
The Matrix (R) 1:45, 4:10, 7:15, 9:35
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9:45
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 1:30,
4:15, 7:05, 9:25
Lost And Found (PG-13) 1:15,
3:45, 7:10, 9:30

EASTGATE CINE

Eastgate Center, E. Alton, Ill. 254-2599
The Matrix (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:30
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-
13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 1:40,
4:30, 7:00
Lost And Found (PG-13) 1:00,
4:30, 7:00
Life (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:10
Baby Genuses (PG-13) 1:30,
4:00, 6:40

COTTONWOOD EDWARDS- VILLE CINEMA

Edwardsville, Ill. 656-6390
The Other Sister (PG-13) 2:15,
7:00
True Crime (R) 2:00, 6:45
Blast From The Past (PG-13)
2:30, 7:15

ESQUIRE CINE

5706 Clayton Road, 781-3300
Go (R) 1:35, 5:15, 7:40, 9:55
Life (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Life (R) 2:00, 4:45, 6:30, 9:30
Foolish (R) 2:00, 5:30, 7:35, 9:40
The Matrix (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:15,
10:15
Ed TV (R) 1:25
Life Is Beautiful (PG-13) 1:50,
5:20, 7:30, 10:15

LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill. 234-0123
Showing Private Ryan (R) 1:30,
7:30
Wing Commander (PG-13) 1:45,
7:15, 9:45
A Bug's Life (G) 2:00, 7:00
A Civil Action (PG-13) 9:05

NAMEOKI CINEMA

39 Nameoki Village, 874-6630
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 2:00,
7:00
Doug's First Movie (G) 2:15, 6:45

O'FALLON 15 CINE

1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill.
822-4900
Pushing Tin (R) 1:35, 4:20, 6:50,
9:45
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 2:00,
4:20, 7:05, 9:20
Chef Adventures (R) 1:20, 3:30,
5:45, 8:05
Life (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, 9:30
Good Will Hunting (R) 2:15, 4:40,
7:15, 9:40
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-
13) 1:15, 4:30, 7:05, 8:25
Deep End Of The Ocean (PG-13)
1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15
Ed TV (R) 1:25, 4:45, 6:10, 7:50
Never Been Kissed (PG-13)
12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 6:00
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 1:50,
4:15, 7:20, 9:45
Payback (R) 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:35
Twister (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00,
9:15, 10:15
Life Is Beautiful (PG-13) 1:30,
4:15, 7:20, 9:30
Shakespeare In Love (R) 1:50,

4:30, 7:10, 9:50
The Other Sister (PG-13) 2:10, 4:50,
7:40

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Baby Genuses (PG) 1:10, 4:10,
7:10, 9:15
Analyze This! 1:25, 4:25, 7:25,
9:40
Doug's First Movie (G) 1:20,
4:20, 7:20, 9:25
Lost And Found (PG-13) 1:05,
4:05, 7:05, 9:05
Go (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45
The Matrix (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00,
10:00
The Matrix (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45
Foolish (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:20
Food For Thought (G) 8:00
The Out Of Towners (PG-13)
1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 9:30

SHOWCASE 12 EDWARDS- VILLE

6633 Center Grove Rd., 659-7469
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 2:30,
5:00, 7:30, 9:00
Lost And Found (PG-13) 1:20,
4:30, 7:20, 9:30
The Matrix (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10,
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Earth Day celebration planned

Staff report

The community is invited to celebrate Earth Day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Watershed Nature Center in Edwardsville. A variety of activities and demonstrations for all ages will be offered.

Laura Perkins, one of the event's organizers, noted that a highlight of past Earth Day celebrations was the "All Species Parade."

"We're looking forward to this year's parade," Perkins said. "You can dress up as your favorite species and join others in a hike around the grounds. Come dressed as your favorite critter, or rummage through the recycled goods we'll have on hand to create your own costume on the spot."

The parade starts at 1 p.m.

In addition to continuous demonstrations on recycling, composting, mushrooms and bluebirds, a number of scheduled events are planned.

Guided tours of the Nature Center focusing on wildflowers, water, weather, recycling, art and crafts, as well as face painting, will be offered for children. Local businesses and organizations, including Beyond Timbuktu and the Madison County Farm Bureau Women's Club, will have Earth-friendly items for sale.

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Diane Lane finds acting addictive

Veteran actress stars in romance 'A Walk On The Moon'

Steve Bryan Correspondent

There are few performers working today who have as impressive a list of acting credits as Diane Lane.

At the tender age of 16, Lane became a professional actress and appeared in stage productions of "Medea," "Electra" and "As You Like It."

In 1979, Lane made her big screen debut opposite Sir Laurence Olivier in "A Little Romance," the story of a young American girl living in Paris who runs away with a French boy.

Since then, Lane has worked

“When I saw the film, I thought we succeeded in doing what the screenplay gave us, which is not always in the dialogue.”

Diane Lane

steadily and shared the screen with such actors as Richard Gere, Robert Duvall, George C. Scott, Elizabeth Taylor, Tommy Lee Jones and Matt Dillon, just to name a few.

"I've had the pleasure of working with people I've really admired," Lane said. "I'm thrilled to be able to say all

the people I've been able to work with."

"I always had fantasies of quitting and doing something else. But it's quite addictive. The opportunities have been really great and interesting. Who would want to walk away from this?" she said.

Lane's latest project is "A Walk On The Moon," a bittersweet romance that takes place in 1969 as the Apollo 11 lunar mission heads toward its history-making moon landing.

Lane plays Pearl, a young wife and mother who starts to feel that life is passing her by. She's a housewife with a roguish daughter, a meddling mother-in-law and a husband who has to spend more time at work than he likes.

"The screenplay first attracted me to this project. The quality of writing was phenomenal," Lane said. "It's so rare that you find a script that deals with such a universal issue so deftly. Every character is really fleshed out."

Horoscope

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

The moon enters Taurus early in the morning, calming the psyche enough for us to be aware of the outside world around us. It's no longer necessary to prove yourself or be the giant talent that everyone notices. More important is the quiet strength that comes from observation. Everything you need is close at hand.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 25)
You are more than ready to make a major change. A childlike attitude is greatest inspiration. If you act nicely, a partner helps bear a financial burden. Singles connect at the obvious hangouts this evening.

MONDAY, APRIL 26
Giant steps are taken in love. Lovers and colleagues are appreciative of the effort you make. Touch base with family members before heading out into the wild blue yonder.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27
Challenging new employment stimulates you to do your best work.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28
Cancer (June 22-July 22). Your sex appeal is strong. Wary of being used, Cancer does no good; offer solutions, or walk away. Your creative endeavors are well-received.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Save every penny possible in view of impending expenses. You may need to put in extra

hours on the job. Your selflessness is critical now. Volunteer work helps you develop contacts you didn't know you had.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You are more than ready to make a major change. A childlike attitude is greatest

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Lucky invitees to stock market. A fun evening is spent with close friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
An outspoken person known when invited is most welcome.

You are the last refuge of your own motives. Financial and legal problems subside when you take charge of the situation. A new admirer hotly pursues you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your first attempt is

premature; prepare more before trying again. An artistic endeavor reaches a higher plane when you take a break and come back to it after the weekend. Encountering a former lover is unpredictable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You succeed where others fail. Private getaways and business out of town bring special luck. Socializing results in the influence of Gemini. Pleasure spending is likely now. You'll have renewed hope regarding emotional ties.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You take a decisive stand against vacillating forces and win. Watch for signals that you're more desirable than ever. In the opposite case, large expenditures can be skirted in business, but don't skimp on love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You're through caravanning, tension is over. A sweetheart is practicing attention-getting tactics. Make a commitment to ongoing projects instead of worrying about details that don't matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Learn from a financial mistake and hit the jackpot next time. Doubting in a new medium expands your boundaries in the old one.

Your educational and spiritual progress is evident to those close to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
A mission comes to its favorable completion.

Typical situations from a romantic encounter are easily deciphered when you consult a mutual friend. You are right on target with financial call. Success in your partnership.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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Park District sponsoring week-long trip to Mt. Rushmore area

The Granite City Park District will sponsor a seven-day trip to the area of the famous Mt. Rushmore National Monument in Keystone, S.D., the week of June 1-7.

The trip will go on sale at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. The cost is \$693 for a single reservation and \$54 per person for two to a room. For this trip, only 42 persons may be accommodated, due to limited seating on a special tour bus through the Black Hills and surrounding areas.

A very full itinerary has been planned, yet with free

time allowed to browse the streets and shops of Keystone, S.D., where the group will have lodging for three nights. Other nights will be spent in Sioux Falls, S.D., and St. Joseph, Mo.

In addition to the very impressive lighting ceremony at 9 p.m. at Mt. Rushmore, the highlight will be the all-day tour of the entire Mt. Rushmore area that goes from early morning and a cowboy pancake breakfast to a cowboy chuckwagon supper and cowboy music show in the evening.

The day will include a

guided, narrated tour of Mt. Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Memorial and Museum, Custer State Park, Mount Morne Bridge Story, Pigtail Bridges, Needles Highway, Iron Mountain Road, scenic tunnels, Sylvan Lake, State Game Lodge, and one of the Oscar-winning Kevin Costner film *Dances with Wolves*, with many camera stops.

A guided tour has also been arranged at a Black Hills gold

factory in the area. Other points of interest along the way will be the famous Wall Drug Store, the world's only Corn Palace and a tour of Badlands National Park. Guided tours will also be made in Sioux Falls, S.D., and historic St. Joseph, Mo.

A total of 12 meals will be included in the cost of the trip, with a variety of menus that include everything from a

small family-owned cafeteria in St. Joseph to a steak dinner at the Alpine Inn in the tiny town of Hill City, S.D.

For more information on the trip, please call Sue Gossman at her residence, 451-1212, or the Wilson Park Office at 877-3059. Granite City Park District residents have priority in making reservations for this trip, with non-residents placed on a waiting list and notified one week later of availability.

One person can sign up for

one room only. Proof of residence must be presented for each person unless husband and wife.

The next multi-day trip sponsored by the Park District will be July 13-16 to the LaCrosse, Wis., Rochester, Minn., area, where many sights will be visited in the year-round tourist area of LaCrosse, as well as a tour of the world-famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

The trip will go on sale May 27.

Annual area Harley cancer fund-raising ride set May 16

The need for speed has played a central role in the life of Dr. Guillermo Rodriguez, a Belleville oncologist.

During an eight-year tour with the Missouri Air National Guard, he developed a fondness for flying high-performance aircraft, namely F-4s, F-15s and F-16s.

But when the former flight surgeon resigned as a "top knife" due to the demands of a growing Oncology Care Center practice, Rodriguez was left with a void.

It didn't take long for Rodriguez, who deals daily with the thrill of victory and agony of defeat as an oncologist, to find an alternative career source.

He bought his first Harley-Davidson motorcycle in 1994, and ever since, has made motorcycle riding his passion.

This passion has led to many discoveries for Rodriguez; mainly, that the true grit of Harley riders is their generous spirit.

"I am amazed at what this group does for the community," Rodriguez said.

"The (Harley Owners) group in Belleville supports at least half a dozen charitable organizations, not to mention individuals who need special help."

Three years ago, with the support of the Belleville Harley Owners Group (HOG), Rodriguez launched a motorcycle benefit ride to

raise money for the American Cancer Society. Next month, his Harley, with a license plate that says "GO HOGS" — and an armada of bikers on a 90-mile route through the Southern Illinois countryside in the fourth Cancer Benefit Ride. Cindy Haage Memorial.

The ride will be held May 16. A \$10-per-person registration fee can be paid from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Frieze Harley Davidson, 517 S. Illinois Street, Belleville, where the ride begins. All types of bikes are welcome.

"The beauty of this event is the diverse group of riders it attracts," Rodriguez said.

"They come from all walks of life to fight the same enemy. We're looking forward to a great turnout this year."

Rodriguez named the event in memory of a former patient, Cindy Haage, who died from breast cancer in 1997. In 1996, the event's first year, Haage and her husband, Bill, rode with 40 others in a maiden voyage under miserable weather conditions.

"That first year, it poured on us," Rodriguez recalled. "But those who were there touched it out. It was quite an experience."

In the first year, \$7,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society. In subsequent years, consistently better weather has improved ridership, as well as money raised.

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Once that's all set, take the edging and place it in the trench, trying to keep it the same height as you go. Neat, crisp edges where ragged borders once were creates a whole new appearance that you'll be amazed at. Try a roll for starters, on the spot that needs it most.

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Step back and examine the job. High and low spots will have to be adjusted. When everything looks fine, fill in the trench.

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County officials setting up violence prevention hotline

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Madison County officials are setting up a toll-free hotline for children concerned about the possibility of violence in schools.

"We are going to develop a toll-free number that will be monitored 24 hours a day by Probation and Court Services," said State's Attorney Bill Haine said Wednesday.

"The gist of the program is that we will make the line available to students, an anonymous line they may access if they feel one of their peers is going off the edge."

The hot line was announced during a news conference in the aftermath of Tuesday's mass killing at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., where 15 died in shooting rampage.

It may take two or three days to have the line installed.

The news conference was called by Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa, a former teacher, who said the Colorado killings deeply disturbed him.

"As an educator of 33 years, the tragedy got to my heart,"

"We are going to develop a toll-free number that will be monitored 24 hours a day by Probation and Court Services. The gist of the program is that we will make the line available to all students, an anonymous line they may access if they feel one of their peers is going off the edge."

BILL HAINE

Madison County State's Attorney

He said he consulted with Madison County School Superintendent Harry Briggs and Haine to discuss possible solutions.

Haine suggested the hotline be based in the Madison County Juvenile Detention Center because it is staffed 24 hours a day. The department has trained counselors on staff who could help guide them.

Officials said students have knowledge about unusual behavior on the part of fellow students long before the adults know.

A sixth-grader may know of a situation, but he doesn't want to tell anybody," said David Whipple, the county's 911 coordinator and a former police officer.

"Generally, there are a number of kids that are aware of a situation," said Darrell McGibany, director of

probation and court services. Haine stressed the hotline would allow the students to remain anonymous, which may overcome their fear of informing authorities about a dangerous situation.

The larger high schools in the county are staffed with liaison officers from the School Resource Police Law Enforcement Commission, School Violence Committee, Briggs said.

"Once the hotline system is in place, we get the information to the school principal and liaison officer."

A similar line exists at the state level, and another is operated in Maryland.

Haine said a direct line to county authorities would allow them to remove from school a student who may pose a threat. Officials also may obtain a court order to have

the suspected violent student investigated.

McGibany said he also is working on a plan and seeking grants to make more prevention counselors available in the schools.

"We have done a lot of preventative things already," Briggs said. "But what we do not want is to imply that county schools are any more likely to harbor violent behavior than any other schools."

This could happen anywhere, but we want to keep it from happening here."

Edwardsville School Superintendent Ed Hightower agreed.

He visited all the classrooms at the Edwardsville high school and middle school Wednesday to discuss problems of violent behavior.

Hightower said he believes the best answer to such

problems is to encourage students to take responsibility for reaching out to adults when problems may be brewing.

The students were very attentive and asked a lot of thoughtful questions," Edwardsville High School Principal Ed Harris said.

School officials built a \$70,000 video security system with cameras at a number of key points.

The high school also has a dedicated violence prevention plan, including screening of visitors, parental involvement, crime reporting and victim support.

The school district also has obtained a security analysis from a consulting firm and is in the process of installing security devices at other schools in the district.

Briggs said it is important to note that the Columbine school did not have a uniformed police officer on duty, as do some schools in Madison County.

"A school is a very soft target. Noboddy goes into a police station and starts shooting people," Haine said. "It's unique in that it represents the force of law, and he may also be armed with a .357 Magnum."

"Once the hotline system is in place, we can get the information to the school principal and liaison officer... We have done a lot of preventative things already. This could happen anywhere, but we want to keep it from happening here."

Harry Briggs
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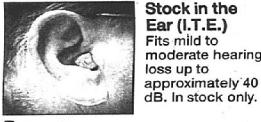
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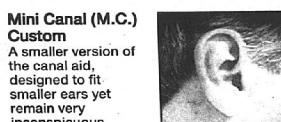
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New models unveiled at New York Auto Show

By Tom Strongman

Several new models were unveiled earlier this month at the New York Auto Show.

Nissan announced it would go ahead with the reintroduction of its fabled Z-car. Mitsubishi rolled out a new Eclipse. Sedans from Oldsmobile, Ford, Saturn and Infiniti captured their share of the spotlight.

Here is a synopsis of a few of the models shown for the first time:



Oldsmobile 2001 Aurora

In 1994, the sporty Aurora sedan gave new life to a sagging Oldsmobile division. Powered by a 4.0-liter, twin-cam V-8 engine, this snazzy four-door set a youthful, aggressive tone for the division.

Generation II cruised onto the stage amid thunderous applause and flashing lights. Due out next spring as a 2001 model, its styling is understated

and clean, elegantly European yet recognizably an Oldsmobile.

It will be offered with both the current 250-horsepower V-8 and the 3.5-liter, dual-overhead-cam (DOHC) V-6 that is used in the Intrigue.

Overall length is decreased by 6 inches, while there is more room in both front and back seats.

The trunk is larger, too. The instrument panel has controls with large, simple buttons and soft-touch knobs. Gauges are rimmed with chrome, and wood trim is abundant.

Saturn LS

About the size of a Honda Accord or Toyota Camry, Saturn's LS sedan and LW wagon are positioned to pull attract new buyers and keep loyal Saturn customers in the family when they want to move up to a bigger car.

The new models maintain a strong family resemblance to the smaller S-series, including the use of dent-resistant polymer panels on the sides of the vehicles.

Power comes from either a 2.2-liter, four-cylinder or a 3.0-liter V-6. Both engines have dual overhead cams, four valves per cylinder and either a five-speed manual or automatic transmission. The four-cylinder has 137 horsepower, while the V-6 has 182.

The LS and LW go on sale this summer as 2000 models.

Ford Taurus

Ford has restyled the 2000 Taurus for a better on-road presence, more head room and a bigger

trunk while adding a whole host of safety innovations.

Up front, the grill is larger and bigger headlights put out 45 percent more light. Around back, taillights, too, are bigger.

The hood has been raised, resulting in less aerodynamics and less wind noise. Correspondingly, the trunk was raised to add more trunk space as well and visibility.

The 3.0-liter Vulcan V-6 now puts out 153 horsepower, while the 3.0-liter Duratec has been bumped up to 200.

Numerous safety improvements have been integrated into the car. Head and chest side air bags are available. A microprocessor controls the force with which dual-stage air bags inflate based on how close the seat is to the wheel; whether the seat belt is being used; and how severe the accident is. Side belt retractors adjust belt tension to reduce injuries.

Tether anchors are provided for child safety seats, and a glow-in-the-dark emergency release handle is placed inside the trunk.

Power-operated pedals, a passenger-car first, will be a \$30 option.

Infiniti I30

Based on the 2000 Nissan Maxima, Infiniti's new I30 goes on sale in September. There is more room inside, because the wheelbase is 2 inches longer and overall length is up by 4.1 inches.

Power comes from a 3.0-liter, DOHC V-6 that



2000 Saturn LW2

cranks out an impressive 227 horsepower. Anti-lock brakes are standard and traction control optional. Seats have been reworked to absorb vibration and provide better support. The back seat is a 60/40 split-folding design.

The I30 will be available in standard and Touring models.

Mitsubishi Eclipse

This striking, aggressively styled coupe shows off a sleek, fastback design with "geo" meets styling with "taut surfaces that appear as if they were machined from metal." It rides on a 2-inch longer wheelbase than provides for more interior space, especially for the rear seat.

A 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine produces 155 horsepower, and a 3.0-liter V-6 is expected to put out 205. Both engines come with a five-speed manual or an automatic transmission that can be shifted like a manual.

The new couple will be built at Mitsubishi's plant in Normal, Ill.

Old wiper blades smear wind-shields

By Rick Stoff

Spring showers bring pretty little flowers. They also bring slimy windshields smeared by old, worn-out windshield wipers.

Many motorists may be driving nearly blind in wet weather. The average U.S. motorist replaces wipers every 3.8 years, compared to every 2.9 years in 1993, says the Motor Equipment Manufacturers Association.

"Even though the blade is not shredded or falling off the arm, visibility may not

be at its peak when the blades get too old," said Frank Hamptire, research director for the association.

Another sign that many of us are getting old: Remember how exciting the new Ford Mustang was when it was introduced? Well, it was. The last Mustang turned 35 years old this month. The anniversary was celebrated with a national gathering of the 70,000-member Mustang Club of America at Charlotte Motor Speedway in North Carolina.

Motorists can't suit an auto manufacturer because it didn't install safety equipment that was required at the time the car was built, a federal appeals court has ruled. The suit was filed by a driver who was injured in a 1992 crash of

a 1987 Honda Accord into a tree. The suit alleged the driver's head injuries would not have been so bad if the car had been equipped with an air bag. The court, however, ruled that the car met federal safety regulations in place at the time.

You can't catch fish unless you go where the fish are. Car companies are following the same theory by trying to hook customers by going to their favorite hangouts.

Car manufacturers are spending increasing amounts of money on sponsorships of events such as sports and cultural activities as means of building relationships with potential buyers, according to the National Auto Racing Report. The top sponsorship spender last year was General Motors, which put about \$20

million into various activities. Other big sponsorship spenders were Chrysler, \$60 million; Ford, about \$38 million; Nissan, \$13 million; and Toyota, \$11 million.

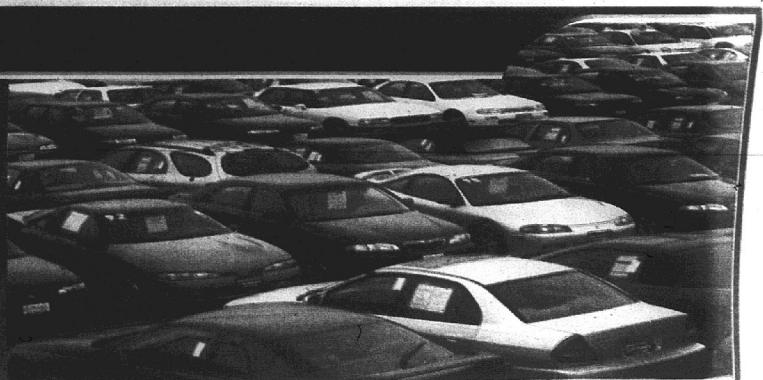
The federal government has proposed new standards for child-safety seats and anchoring hardware in cars and trucks. The changes will begin taking effect in vehicles produced after Jan. 1, 2002, and phase in through Sept. 1, 2005, when all vehicles would be required to have "tethered air bags" and rigid safety seat mounting bars.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says the changes would increase the number of deaths by 800 and make safety seats cost an average of \$17.19 more.

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Restaurant manager offers career food for thought

Focus on people to gain success, he advises

By Barbara Ponder
Correspondent

Cooking up a hot career without a college degree can be challenging, but restaurants still dish up those opportunities.

Walt Chaboude, general manager of Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, 2309 N. Highway 67, said a son with the right ingredients, including drive, can climb the ladder quickly.

"If they made good decisions and had the right ingredients, I could be a general manager in five years," Chaboude said. "I really think restaurants are always looking for good managers."

The prospects for restaurant managers are expected to increase as hectic lifestyles fuel the public's appetite for good food without the hassles of home cooking.

The National Restaurant Association reports that the industry employs about 10.2 million, about 8 percent of the working population. It expects employees to increase to 12 million by 2005.

The association estimates that 46 percent of all U.S. adults patronized a restaurant on a typical day in 1997. About 30 billion meals are consumed annually in restaurants, including school and work cafeteria.

That a lot of people are dining out is news to Chaboude. His Applebee's, which seats 225 people, serves about 1,000 meals a day.

As public awareness of the industry has increased so has the respect its managers.

I think there's more of a professional attitude," he said. "People of a leader/business person because I'm totally held accountable for the financial profitability of this restaurant."

Chaboude has been in the industry for about 17 years, with 15 in management.

He joined Applebee's about five years ago.

A restaurant generally has several levels of management. At Applebee's, an entry-level manager may be a

hourly employee, such as a server or a cook, who manages only a day or so weekly.

An entry-level salaried manager usually oversees one aspect of the restaurant, such as the bar or kitchen.

At this level, the manager may continue to work shifts as well. The assistant general manager and general manager are the last rungs of management in individual Applebee's.

An area director oversees a market consisting of several stores. A regional vice-president of operations is in charge of markets for more than one state.

Chaboude said relocation generally becomes necessary only when a manager moves beyond the individual restaurant.

Promotion of employees to management positions is common.

"I've promoted several people over the last year," he said. "The thing I find most rewarding is to see the people under me move up or become more responsible or be able to do a better job."

A manager may work long hours. Chaboude averages 60 weekly, but salaries and bonuses can add up to good money.

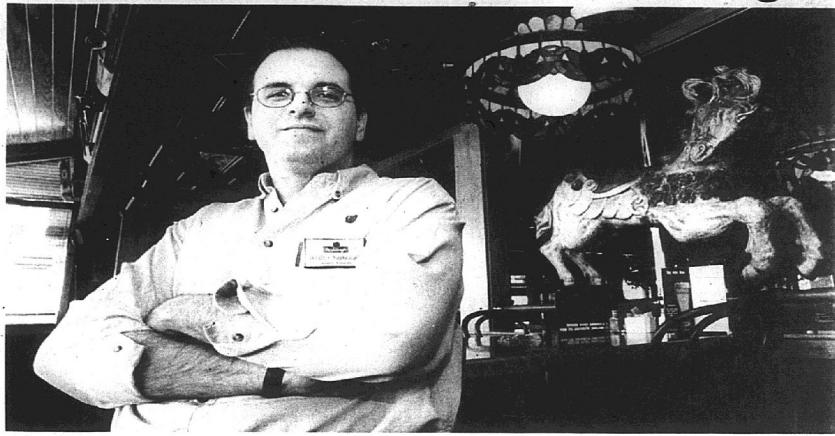
Lower-level managers may gross between \$20,000 and \$45,000 annually. A general manager may make between \$50,000 to \$65,000 annually.

Applebee's provides individual training, on an as-needed basis, for an entry-level manager. Management training is provided to the people that plan already follows many of the operations. Someone hired from outside the company receives several weeks of training.

Applebee's offers a Leadership Health program at least one restaurant manager per site to receive certification as a food service management professional from an approved source through the National Restaurant Association.

Staying fully staffed is one of the challenges of the job. To retain employees, a manager needs to listen and address concerns.

If you don't take care of your



Walt Chaboude is the general manager of Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, 2309 N. Highway 67.

Christian Goeden Photo

staff, you're dead," Chaboude said. "You can't operate without a staff."

Playing host is an important aspect. Chaboude interacts with the regulars and takes base with new ones.

"A big part of building sales is getting to know your guests," he said. "Then they'll bring in more people and they'll come back more often. You're a friendly face that they see."

Knowing the guests means knowing what they like to eat then providing it. Applebee's menus have a core of items that each restaurant must serve, but individual managers select the other dishes.

Special requests also are honored, if possi-

ble.

"Like folks here like vegetable platters," Chaboude said. "It's not on our menu but we make it. We make anything that have to do with food."

Working with people extends beyond the restaurant as well. Chaboude has participated in the local Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) program. The program also uses the Fenton Area Athlete Association soccer team.

Nationally, Applebee's participates in Coaches Versus Cancer and in 1998 donated about \$1 million to the campaign for cancer research.

Chaboude suggests those interested in

the profession begin working in a restaurant as soon as possible, even if planning to pursue a degree in the field.

The University of Missouri at Columbia offers a two-year program in restaurant and hotel management. St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley has a two-year program in food service management.

In the end, Chaboude makes the recipe for effective management sound simple.

"If you take care of your employees, you're involved in the community and you develop people, you're going to be successful," he said.

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Drafting students square off in competition

Winners will compete on state level on April 24

Area high school students squared off in a drafting competition recently when Belleville Area College hosted the Illinois General Education Association contest.

The competition at BAC was one of 21 regional contests held throughout the state. Fifty-five students representing seven high schools participated in the annual event. The six categories tested were architectural, machine or introductory board drafting and architectural mechanical or introductory CAD.

Drafters who placed first or second are eligible to participate in the state competition, to be held April 24 at Eastern Illinois University in Bloomington/Normal.

"The students who compete in BAC's regional have a history of doing very well when they go on to the state competition," said John Jacobs, BAC drafting faculty

member and program coordinator. "It speaks very well of the quality drafting programs that are offered at these schools."

Architects and engineers from area firms and instructors from BAC's Drafting Department judge the work of the students. Winners received drafting supplies, certificates and plaques.

The award winners include:

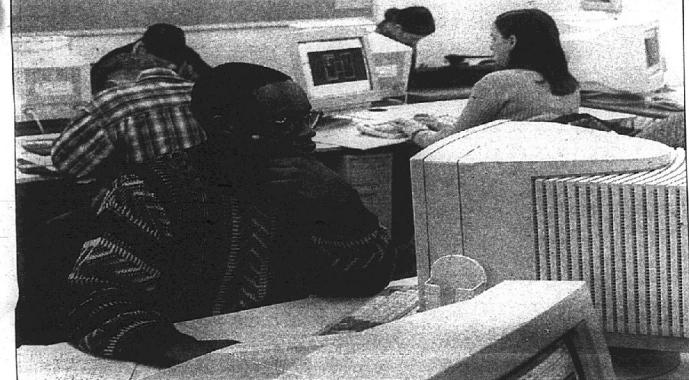
Collinsville High School: Kevin Schmitz, first in architectural board; Brian Doyle, second in architectural board; and Joseph Kerfoot, second in introductory board.

Frederick High School: Samantha Gandy, first in introductory board; and Brandon Castens, second in machine board.

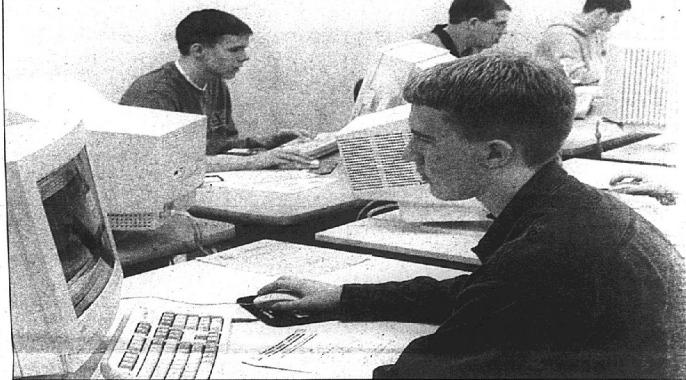
Highland High School: David Gordon, first in introductory CAD; and Sandra Wilson, second in CAD architectural.



Rachel Lyn Minton, a junior at Triad High School, concentrates at the CAD machine during drafting competition at Belleville Area College.



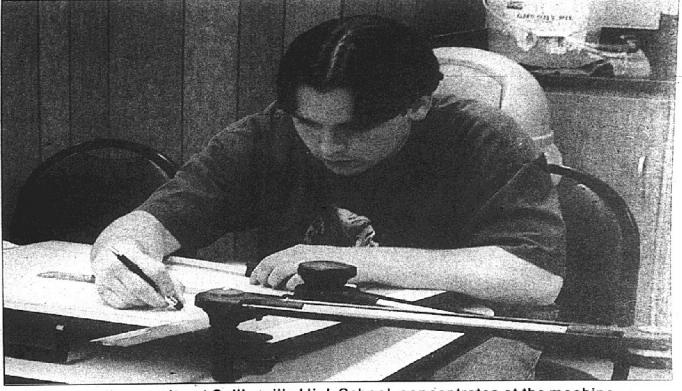
Christopher Connor, a senior at Belleville Township West High School, ponders a problem during the CAD architectural portion of drafting competition.



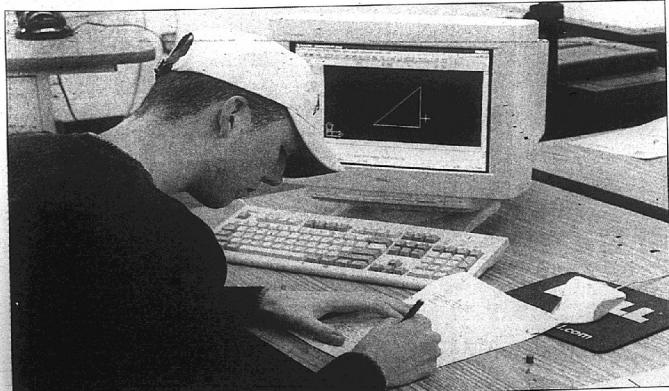
Jon Lawrence, a junior at Red Bud High School, concentrates during the CAD architectural segment of drafting competition.



Adam Gordon, a senior at Mascoutah Community High School, works at the architectural board during drafting competition.



Jeffrey Seib, a senior at Collinsville High School, concentrates at the machine board during the competition.



Bryon Rahn, a junior at Red Bud High School, works at the CAD machine during a portion of the competition.



Ben Molitor, a senior at Triad High School, looks over a packet of instruction during CAD machine competition.

Top athlete
O'Fallon's Alford making
his case for No. 1

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South pols

National baseball rankings favor sunshine schools

Consider the recent weather, including that which caused rainouts of baseball games, and you will appreciate even more some polls that I found most revealing.

According to the NCAAs News of April 12, Southern Illinois

University-Edwardsville was 13th in the country in NCAA Division II baseball while

two other members of the Great Valley Conference also were recognized.

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28. What's the big deal? The answer is that for the first time, the major league baseball draft has been dominated by players from the sunshine states while the reality of it all is that big leaguers can come from any state.

No need to repeat the names of southern Illinois just because you consider the NCAA Division II rankings led by Florida Southern and dominated by Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Texas, you can appreciate even more the ranking of SIUE and its counterparts.

In Division I, Florida State was No. 1 with Wichita State (leader of the Missouri Valley Conference) in a poll only dominated by schools in Florida, Texas, California, Arizona, North Carolina, and Louisiana.

Does it have to be that way? Apparently, the pollsters think so because the April 10 East Sports National High School Poll was led by Barber of Lake Charles, La., and, again, dominated by the south.

The latter seems especially true when you recall Edwardsville High gaining national recognition last year after going unbeaten and claiming the third straight Class AA title before Edwardsville won the national American Legion crown.

Worth watching? You bet the south. I wish it were us, and whenever I've spoken with a major league scout this spring, the mention of Brian Daubach with the Boston Red Sox is just the reason to note the Division II poll and scoff at the others.

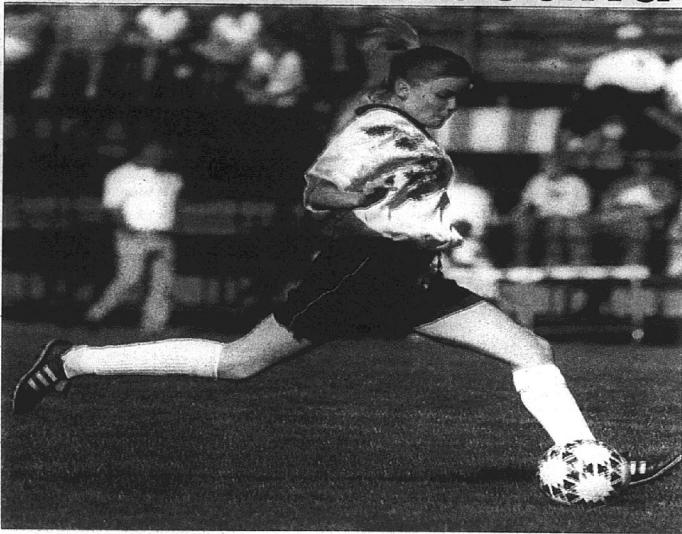
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Warriors rebound for SWC win



Amber Hubert and her teammates beat Belleville West Thursday without stars Erika Todd and Felicia Mohsen. Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City regains focus against West

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Wednesday's loss was the kind of beating that can cause long-term problems.

But Granite

City quickly rebounded and posted a 3-0 win against Southwest Conference foe Belleville West at home Thursday night.

Senior Jamie Raub got the game's first goal in the 24th minute. Holly Deroset — a mainstay at striker for the junior varsity, making her varsity debut — took a crafty run down the left side and popped a shot that West keeper Jennifer Klich blocked down.

Raub got the rebound and knuckled a hard shot just under the crossbar to give the Warriors a 1-0 lead.

"Holly shot at the keeper, the keeper deflected it, and I just kicked it in," Raub said. "I was just hoping it didn't go over."

Jolene Harris increased the lead to 2-0 nine minutes into the second half. Maria Roady, another JV starter playing

with the big girls, fed Harris in the middle of the box, and Harris put a low shot past Klich.

Melissa Montgomery finished the scoring with a free kick from 35 yards out fooled Klich and squeezed into net.

"We were happy to get by that one," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "That was a good win for us. That puts us in a situation to maybe compete for a league championship."

West coach Bill Hauck said the Warriors picked up momentum and never let up. "Granite City definitely put it to us in the second half, there is no doubt about that," Hauck said. "We crossed the midline nine times in the second half, and that's not good. But (Granite) came to play."

The win over West came just one day after what Baker called "the most humiliating defeat in the history of the program," an 8-1 massacre at the hands of defending MSHSAA state champion Francis (Mo.) St. Joseph's Academy.

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Warriors serve up steady progress

Squad pounds Flyers, falls to West

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City tennis team finally fit some matches

BOYS
TENNIS

around the spring weather

this week, and it came out excited about progress.

The Warriors knocked off East St. Louis 9-0 on Tuesday.

Eric Wright, Jim Madison,

Henry Bryant and Jared McMillian took the forefront

for the first time this year and swatted the Flyers hard, losing just five games among them.

"It's been a very good program," Granite City coach Allen Lobdell said. "We gave a lot of boys the chance to play. I didn't play my No. 1, Andy Salcer, or my No. 2, Tim Knowlton, set them out. Then I made a singles lineup and a doubles lineup, and I didn't repeat any of the boys and double them back. At least we used every boy and got some of the kids a little

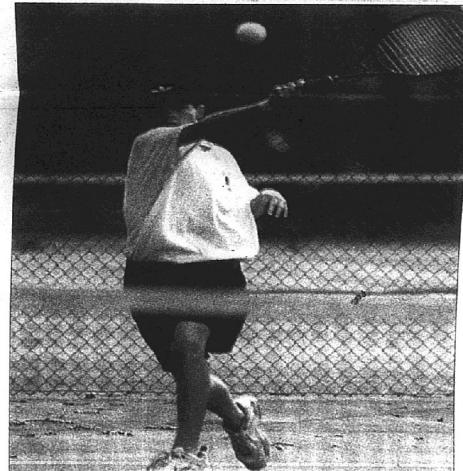
varsity experience. But their program is way down, and it was an easy win for us. It's hard to see why your boys are capable of or if there has been any improvement."

The Warriors had a tougher

time with things Wednesday against perennial force Belleville West. Sophomore Balcer was the only Warrior to come out ahead in the 6-1 Marcos victory.

"Belleville West is a little down also, but down with them, down is relative," Lobdell said. "They played a wonderful match against another sophomore, Bret Zoran. He lost the first set again but came back and won the next two sets. They were willing to death with that win."

"Besides that, I was extremely pleased with the play from the rest of the boys. (Assistant coach) Rafi Karimian and I were just excited about number one, the conditioning. It really seems to be paying off. But number two, we are starting to see the



Tim Stephenson photo
Tim Knowlton lost in two close sets against his Belleville West opponent on Wednesday but coach Allen Lobdell praised his play.

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aggressiveness we were

looking for earlier in the

season. We are starting to see

that from more and more of

the kids.

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Warriors nab No. 2 in relays

Boast 4 first-places

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

It may have been the Freshman/Sophomore Tiger Relays

JV GIRLS

TRACK

Thursday

day, but that was the big time in Granite City.

The Warriors squad of seasoned underclassmen finished with 88 points, second only to O'Fallon's 100.

"In fact, this is our varsity team," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said.

"These are our varsity girls and that's why they looked so good. They were just killing people out there because they are used to the upper-class competition."

"It was a real solid result. We didn't win, but we outscored Belvidere East (76), Edwardsville (68), Jerseyville (18) and Bethalto (14). So we are not just middle-of-the-pack, we are upper echelon, we are at the top. And our girls certainly

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Warriors regain focus against West

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"It was so much of a difference from yesterday," Baker said. "I thought we got some quality play from two girls of the assists, Jamie Raub and Holly Derosette. It was nice to see Jolene score. She came in, and I thought that was her best game of the year. Jamie Raub got a goal. She has been right around and playing well everywhere. I thought Jessica Vasiloff played well. (Keri) Ousley has been playing well. Amber Hubert is getting in better and better condition."

"It was a very good team win. We felt like we pulled it out. Overall, I think it was more than a 3-0 game, and with everybody playing, it could have been a lot worse. It's very uplifting after yesterday's debacle."

The loss to St. Joseph's was compounded by the absence of suspended stars Erika Todd and Felicia Mohsen. But Thursday, the Warriors

showed a lot of spark in their step. They came out energetic, determined and structurally sound for the first time in a week.

"I don't know if it finally made sense to them when we talked before the game, but they seemed to be in a little better frame of mind when we went out on the field," Baker said. "We talked about how we have to move off the ball and be focused. You have to go to game to play, you can't just go out there and stand around and look and expect things to happen. And then not quitting, making your game from the beginning and all that kind of thing. That seemed to be there today."

Granite City improved to 4-2 overall, 3-1 in the SVC. The Warriors moved into the tough St. Dominic Tournament Monday night at St. Charles (Mo.) Francis Howell without Todd and Mohsen — but with a renewed sense of purpose. "We wish we were at full throttle, but we are not going to be," Baker said.

"We want to be as good as we can be. The first game is the home team, and that is to their advantage. It is a little risk for us to play at night. We didn't last year, we played St. Dominic in a torrential downpour, it was awful. This field we are playing on was not a good one at all when we played on it in the fall. It's very long, and it's pretty sluggish."

"We would like to play solid defense and play a good offense game and come away with a win. The girls (from Normandy, Mo.) Incarnate Word to battle without those two girls. If we can do that, then we are really going to be on our way. (Columbia, Mo.) Hickman we ought to be able to play with, at least, on Tuesday. And then we are ready to get back to normal, I hope."

West fell 3-6-1 on the season, 1-2 in the Southwest Conference. The Maroons host Belleville Althoff on Tuesday afternoon.

Tennis squad serves up improvement

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"We realize that there are still a lot of things that we need to work on, but we are starting to see some dividends here. We are excited. We know that we are not on their level yet, but there were some competitive matches."

"Tim Kinnon lost in two close sets, the No. 1 doubles team lost in three sets, and our No. 3 doubles team lost in three sets. Those are all losses, but we played well. I think the boys surprised themselves with how competitive we're with the West team."

For a program still in the early stages of a rebuilding process, quality performance against the likes of the Maroons are a valuable step toward revitalization.

"We are excited and I think they have been participating a little harder," Lobbeld said. "We are just at the right point in the season right now, with one month left until the end, we are starting to see some starting to build up the intensity in practice instead of the other way around, instead of them getting bored and having things kind of fall apart, we're kind of building. At that point, it's everything I could have hoped for with this season. We are getting some young kids some experience, and we are getting some real leadership out of the older kids."

"Don't get me wrong, we still have minor problems, and we still take a step backward now and then. But I see some real progress. I'm hoping we haven't felt the burnout at this point in the season for a long time. So we are just going to try to

keep the ball rolling."

The Warriors hit the courts Monday against Highland in Wilson Park before facing the Kahoks Wednesday at Collinsville.

Granite City 9,
East St. Louis 0
(Tuesday)
Singles

No. 1 — Eric Wright (GC) def. Gary Smith (ESL), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 2 — Jason Woodson (GC) def. Victor Jackson (ESL), 6-1, 6-0.

No. 3 — Harry Painter (GC) def. Brandy White (ESL), 6-1, 6-0.

No. 4 — Jarod McMillian (GC) def. Dwayne Poe (ESL), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 5 — Matt Davis (GC) def. Clarence Wise (ESL), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 6 — Travis Thomas (GC) def. Maurice Mosley (ESL), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 7 — Don Davis (GC) def. Larry Brantley (GC) def. Dwayne Poe and Gary Smith (ESL), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 2 — Matt Kramer and William Kutosky (GC) def.

Brandy White and Clarence Wise (ESL), 6-2, 6-1.
No. 3 — Justin Somers and Joe Ferry (GC) def. Maurice Mosley and Victor Jackson (ESL), 6-3, 6-0.

Belleville West 8,
Granite City 1
(Wednesday)
Singles

No. 1 — Andy Balcer (GC) def. Brett Zaron (BW), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

No. 2 — Andy Renner (BW) def. Tim Knowlton (GC), 7-5, 7-6.

No. 3 — Mike Demos (BW) def. Eric Wright (GC), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4 — Jay Haines and Andy Renner (BW) def. Eric Wright and Jason Woodson (GC), 6-0, 6-2.

No. 5 — Matt Renner (BW) def. Harry Painter (GC), 6-0, 6-2.

Jarod McMillian (GC), 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles

No. 1 — Mike Demos and Clayton Mitchell (BW) def. Andrew Miller and Tim Knowlton (GC), 6-2, 6-4.

No. 2 — Jay Haines and Andy Renner (BW) def. Eric Wright and Jason Woodson (GC), 6-0, 6-2.

No. 3 — Brett Zaron and Matt Renner (BW) def. Matt Davis and Jarod McMillian (GC), 6-2, 6-1.

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MONDAY

A — Lafayette vs. Cor Jesu, 5 p.m.; O'Fallon vs. Howell North, 7 p.m.

B — Parkway West vs. Hazelwood Central, 5 p.m.; Nerinx Hall vs. St. Dominic, 7 p.m.

C — Hickman vs. Howell, 5 p.m.; Granite City vs. IWA, 7 p.m.

D — St. Joseph's vs. Howell Central, 4 p.m.; St. Joseph's vs. Duchesne, 5:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY

A — Cor Jesu vs. O'Fallon, 5 p.m.; Howell North vs. Lafayette, 7 p.m.

B — Parkway West vs. Hazelwood Central, 5 p.m.; Nerinx Hall vs. St. Dominic, 7 p.m.

C — Hickman vs. Howell, 5 p.m.; Granite City vs. IWA, 7 p.m.

D — Howell Central vs. Summit, 4 p.m.; Howell Central vs. Duchesne, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

A — O'Fallon vs. Lafayette, 5 p.m.; Cor Jesu vs. Howell North, 7 p.m.

B — Parkway West vs. Hazelwood Central, 5 p.m.; Hazelwood Central vs. St. Dominic, 7 p.m.

C — Granite City vs. Hickman, 5 p.m.; IWA vs. Howell, 7 p.m.

D — Howell Central vs. Summit, 4 p.m.; St. Joseph's vs. Duchesne, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Semifinals (at Howell North)

No. 1 seed vs. No. 4 seed, 4 p.m.

No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

(at St. Dominic)

Championship game, 6 p.m.

Track team boasts No. 2 slot at relays

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deserve that with their fine performances."

The Warriors had four first-places and three second-places, all of which contributed heavily to the overall team finish.

"Those are big points,"

Briggs said. "You get 10 points for first and eight points for second, so that's where we laid on a lot of our points, with the top finishers we got, and with the top finishes we also had a third, three fourths and three fifth. We scored in every event except one, and was second in the high jump.

"As far as the other field events, we placed in the shot put, discus and triple jump, and we took the long jump. That kind of helped us finish real strong with our point standings. But we did place in every event on the track. So not only did we do well in the field, but we were very tough with our running events.

"Our first-place performances were in the distance medley and the 4 x 800. The same four girls ran those relay races, and then we had the top four girls go with the top finishers we also had a third, three fourths and three fifth. We scored in every event except one, and was second in the high jump.

"Marler, it once again put us ahead of all the other teams. It was a good team contribution.

"We have had a great year,

and we are really pleased with our 300-meter relay group.

"We took the top finish in first place," Briggs said.

"Amber and Sarah Kuehnel had the two fastest times of anybody in the country, and then we were added in State.

"Marler, it once again put us ahead of all the other teams. It was a good team contribution.

"So not only did we do well in the field, but we were very tough with our running events.

"Our individual performances were outstanding."

The Warriors won long to savor the performance at Edwardsville. The girls held off Collinsville to stay for the Madison County Meet.

"We were real happy (with the Tiger Relays) and we are looking forward to the Madison County Meet," Briggs said.

"We are hoping that even though we are young, we can continue to perform well against varsity competition."

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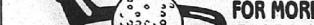
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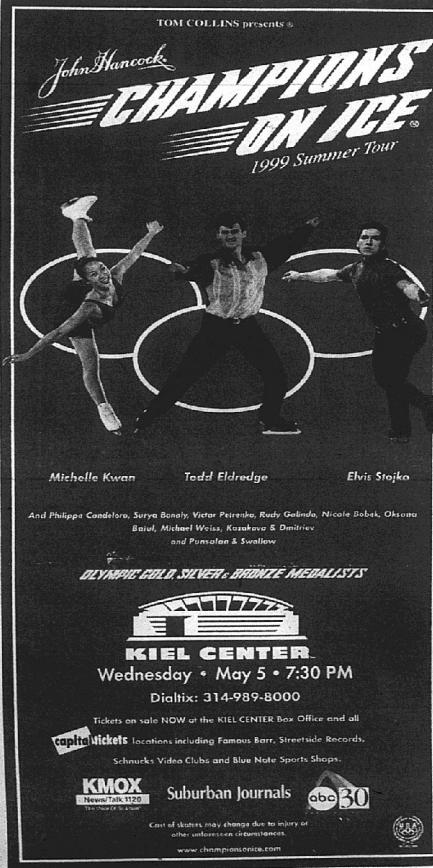
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Vehicles' lights are an important safety factor

How often have you had to brake suddenly with another driver right on your tail? Your eyes dart to the rearview mirror, hoping he'll see your brake lights in time.

But what if your brake lights aren't working properly? There's better than a 50/50 chance they're NOT, according to figures from a survey by American Automobile Club of Cleveland, Ohio.

They found 55 percent of vehicles checked had brake lights that needed some kind of repairs. This was by far the most prevalent mechanical discrepancy found during a Car Care Clinic.

Bob Knop, manager of the Club's Approved Auto Repair Department, which conducts the clinics, says most problems were found with the third brake light, generally because of a burned out bulb.

Our subconscious response to lighting

"We've grown to depend on lighting to signal our intentions," says Jack Oliver, manager for the G.E. Automotive Lighting Division.

"We respond almost subconsciously to fellow motorists' turn signals, brake lights or emergency flashers. It's a form of communication as vital to driving as road signs and center lane marking. When they're missing we're unaware of the danger ahead."

Another common lighting problem, according to Oliver, is found on vehicles with four light systems with separate units for high and low beams. Because the high beam lamps are replaced less often the lens is subjected to years of abuse from pebbles and other road debris.

Eventually hair-line cracks develop and moisture works its way inside, corroding the reflector. The unit may appear to be working OK but it is not putting out as much light as it should.

Lights on for safety

"Some day it may be wide spread practice in the U.S., as it is in Canada and Sweden, that the headlights be turned on whenever the car is driven. It's a proven safety measure and already is the law in the U.S. on two-wheeled vehicles where lights automatically turn on with the ignition switch."

"Obviously, they are more visible to other drivers," says Oliver.

An Avis traveler safety study showed vehicles with daytime running lights (DRL)

had a better accident record than vehicles not so equipped.

But lights are worthless if they are not working, Oliver emphasizes.

All exterior lights should be checked periodically, not only for burned out bulbs and flashers but also for poor illumination of headlamps due to damaged reflectors.

The best way to check your system is to have one person turn on the lights, the emergency flashers and turn signals and apply the brakes while someone else walks around the vehicle to see that everything is working.

It's also a good habit during every gas fill-up to check for dirt (and ice) on all lenses, front and rear. To help maintain cleanliness you can apply a glass treatment such as RAIN-X to help repel rain, sleet, and snow.

Proper headlight aim is important.

At one time or another, most of us have been blinded by the glare of oncoming headlights. You flash your high beams to

signal the oncoming driver to dim his lights.

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Are you sure your headlights are not blinding you? They were aimed too high.

Are you sure your headlights are not blinding others? Here, from G.E., is the recommended way to check headlight aim.

1) Put your car on a 35-40 foot stretch of flat or evenly sloped pavement such as a driveway facing a wall or garage door.

2) Shine your low beams on the door from 2 to 3 feet away and outline the bright spots on the door with a pencil or tape.

3) Back the car to about 25 feet from the door. The top of the low beams should shine no higher than the top of the marks on the door or lower than the center of the marked circle.

If your vehicle has four headlights, the center of the

high beam (the inner or lower tow lights) should align with the top of the low-beam marks. If you have only two headlights, the high beams are automatically aimed when you aim the low beams.

For most accurate aiming take your vehicle to a professional. If, on the other hand, you're a "do-it-yourselfer", follow these instructions from G.E..

Remove the outer trim for access to the adjustment screws. To raise the beam, turn the top adjustment screw

clockwise; counter clockwise to lower the beam.

Turn the side adjustment screw clockwise to move the beam to the right and counterclockwise to move it to the left.

Bring each beam into its final position by turning the adjusting screws clockwise so the headlamp will be held against its tension springs when the operation is completed.

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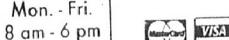
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✓ Wash your car in the shade using cool water and a mild detergent.

✓ Rinse off as much soil as possible before washing. Allow water to sheet off the

car by taking the nozzle off the hose when rinsing.

✓ Clean the tires first, then the wheels. Cleaning the wheels is important since the brake dust and road salt can cause irreversible corrosion.

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Remember when we thought about trading the old car in when it got to be about 6 years old? That's what people did in the mid-1970s. New car fever has calmed down considerably as new car prices soar, with an average new car sale, including tax, now beyond \$20,000. Average car age now is 8.3 years.

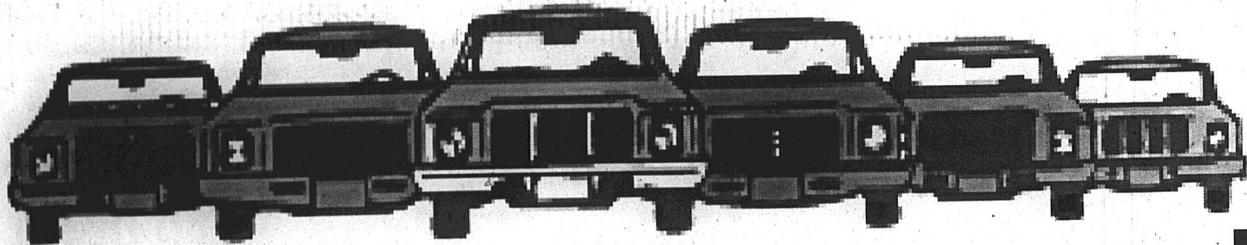
A new Ford in 1934 cost \$785 complete with heater and bumper guards. That's the car, incidentally, driven by Bonnie and Clyde when they made their getaway from Topeka. They drove it 7,500 miles in 23 days before their fatal ambush.

Whether or not you plan to run it forever, as some people vow they'll do, or keep the car just a little longer, taking care of needed maintenance is a must. Generally, your most economical transportation is the vehicle you already own. So fixing it up makes good economic sense.

It certainly pays in terms of safety and driving efficiency, emphasizes the Car Care Council, which advocates investing in needed maintenance a few thousand miles too soon rather than too late. Why jeopardize the safety of performance of your car by delaying needed repairs until the 11th hour when you know you'll inevitably be spending that money anyway.

Delaying brake work, for example, not only is dangerous, it can be very costly due to excessive wear of rotors and/or drums. A neglected engine is inefficient and vulnerable to rapid wear. Driving with worn shocks or struts affects both comfort and safety.

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When it comes time to purchase a new set of tires, today's consumer has plenty of choices. In the old days, tires were offered in only a few basic categories, primarily summer or snow. Later, all-season and high performance tires were added to the mix.

Today, however, the tire market in the United States has become extremely specialized, following the growing specialization and sophistication of automobiles.

For example, the growing numbers of luxury performance automobiles on the market today, such as Lexus, Infiniti and Lincoln Continental, have helped create an entire segment of tires known as touring tires. And as the technology developed for these luxury vehicles has trickled down to mainstream sedans, touring tires have become one of the fastest growing segments in the tire industry.

Previously, tire engineers had designed and built their high-end tires for two distinct categories, the sports car and the luxury automobile.

down to 2/32 of an inch tread within the first three years, or replacement with a new tire at a 50 percent discount after three years, for as long as the original purchaser owns the vehicle. Bridgestone and other major tire companies are now able to offer such warranties because of tremendous advances made in rubber compounding and tire design.

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You will pay more for tires with lifetime warranties, but if you plan to keep your cars for awhile, they are definitely worth considering.

"When it comes time to replace the tires, consumers should certainly be aware of the touring tire option," Michalik said. "And they should not assume that their automobile is too mainstream to benefit from touring tires. In fact, Turanza touring tires can greatly enhance the ride quality of a more affordable sedan like an Accord or Taurus due to the less expensive noise suppression and ride control equipment that is standard. The smooth, quiet ride is more noticeable on a car without 100 pounds of insulation than in one with it."

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Suspension noise may be due to strut mounts

While driving around town, you notice your front-wheel drive passenger car is steering rougher and sharp popping, squeaking or rubbing sounds can be heard after making a turn. The vehicle also may want to pull in the direction it was last steered.

If any of these symptoms sound familiar, the cause may be tied to one or both of the vehicles strut mount assemblies, said Al Lynch, manager of technical services for Moog Automotive.

"Ninety percent of passenger car production in the last five years features strut mount assemblies," he said. "The upper strut mount replaces the upper control arm and upper ball joint used on traditional steering and suspension systems as the upper connection to the vehicle

body."

Strut mounts are hard-working components, capable of supporting vehicle weight. Each assembly usually consists of a rubber core that dampens noise and vibration, and a bearing that allows the front wheels and strut assembly to turn while supporting weight.

"Strut mounts, like any rubber suspension component, may become worn over time and can effect the suspension system's geometry," Lynch said. "Whenever load-carrying bearings become worn, they can cause the steering to bind. The binding condition is commonly referred to as 'memory steer' because the vehicle pulls in the last direction it was turned."

Heavier vehicles are especially prone to strut mount

wear. "As a general rule, a car with a V-6 engine is more likely to show up with the symptoms described above than a lighter vehicle due to its added weight," Lynch said. "Any passenger car with more than 40,000 miles - regardless of its size - is a possible candidate for strut mount replacement."

What to look for:

- ✓ Strut mount inspection requires using your head, as well as eyes, ears and hands. First, secure the hood in the open position and locate the strut mount assembly, which is usually bolted to the fender.

- ✓ Next, bounce the vehicle and observe the mount. Listen for unusual noises and look for looseness. (It is normal for the strut rod to move a small amount as the mount deflects). On some strut mount assemblies it is possible to feel vibration as the loose components move inside their housing. Remember to use caution whenever inspecting a vehicle and avoid placing fingers where clearances may change during motion.

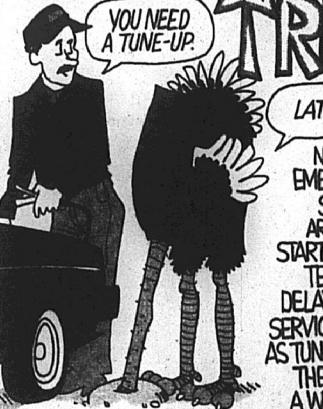
- ✓ Finally, drive the vehicle to check for memory steer.

"Whenever struts or springs are replaced, make sure your technician inspects the strut mount assembly for axial or radial movement that exceeds the vehicle manufacturer's

specifications, or for cracks or separation of the rubber from the steel part of the mount," Lynch said.

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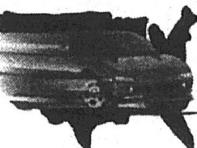
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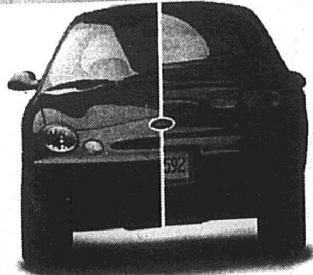


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